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SUBJECT: 64TH ECOSOC--IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COVENANT ON
ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS, AGENDA ITEM 5

1. AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED BY TELEPHONE, THE QUESTION OF
THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SESSIONAL WORKING GROUP OF ECOSOC
IN ACCORDANCE WITH RESOLUTION 1988 TO ASSIST THE
COUNCIL IN ITS CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS SUBMITTED BY
STATES PARTIES TO THE COVENANT ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND
CULTURAL RIGHTS CONTINUES TO BE A CONTENTIOUS ISSUE WITH
NO SATISFACTORY SOLUTION IN SIGHT.

2. SEVERAL DELEGATIONS, INCLUDING THE USSR, ARE INSISTING
THAT THE SESSIONAL WORKING GROUP CONSIST ONLY OF STATES
PARTIES. WE HAVE MAINTAINED THE US POSITION THAT IN
ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF RESOLUTION 1988 THE SESSIONAL
WORKING GROUP SHOULD BE OPEN TO BOTH STATES PARTIES AND
NON STATES PARTIES WITH DUE REGARD TO EQUITABLE GEOGRAPHIC
DISTRIBUTION. THE IRANIAN DELEGATION PROPOSED A SO-
CALLED COMPROMISE WHICH PROVIDES THAT THE SESSIONAL WORK-
ING GROUP WOULD BE COMPOSED OF THE 20 STATES PARTIES WHO
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ARE MEMBERS OF ECOSOC (OF WHICH 6 ARE EASTERN EUROPEANS)
AND THAT OTHER MEMBERS OF ECOSOC WOULD BE ADMITTED AS
OBSERVERS. WE FIND THIS TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE IN VIEW OF
THE DISTORTED GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION AND IN ITS DIS-
REGARD OF THE INTENT OF RESOLUTION 1988.

3. IN ADDITION TO MEMBERS OF ECOSOC WHO HOLD VARYING

VIEWS ON THE COMPOSITION OF THE SESSIONAL WORKING GROUP, THERE ARE STATES PARTIES TO THE COVENANT WHO ARE NOT MEMBERS OF ECOSOC WHO ARE SEEKING TO ENSURE A SUITABLE ROLE FOR THEMSELVES. AUSTRALIA AND CANADA BOTH HOLD THE VIEW THAT THE SESSIONAL WORKING GROUP SHOULD BE LIMITED TO STATES PARTIES AND THEY WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE SESSIONAL WORKING GROUP TO STATES PARTIES WHO ARE NOT MEMBERS OF ECOSOC.

4. THE MISSION FEELS THAT IF WE ARE NOT ABLE TO MAINTAIN THE PRINCIPLE OF PARTICIPATION OF NON STATES PARTIES THEN WE SHOULD LEND SUPPORT TO A FORMULA WHICH WOULD AT LEAST PROVIDE FOR EQUITABLE GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION AND LIMIT THE PARTICIPATION OF EASTERN EUROPEAN STATES. THE COMPOSITION OF THE SESSIONAL WORKING GROUP IS OF IMPORTANCE AT THIS STAGE IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT THE FIRST TASK OF THE GROUP WILL BE TO WORK OUT PROCEDURES FOR THE REVIEW OF THE REPORTS AND DETERMINATION OF THE SHAPE OF THE FINAL REPORT WHICH WILL BE FORWARDED TO ECOSOC FOR CONSIDERATION. WE WILL PROVIDE ADDITIONAL DETAILS FOLLOWING A SCHEDULED FRIDAY AFTERNOON, 4/21, CONSULTATION. YOUNG

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